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Pianist Emile Pandolfi Offers Free Lunch Concert

Contemporary pianist Emile Pandolfi will perform a tribute to Andrew Lloyd Webber on Tuesday, May 13, at the Gunter Theater in downtown Greenville.

Pandolfi, a Greenville resident, tours nationally – performing classical, Broadway and Popular music. Since 1991, he has sold more than two million CDs of his arrangements, known for their free-flowing, passionate style.

The free lunch concert begins at noon on Tuesday, May 13, at the Gunter Theater in The Peace Center for the Performing Arts. The Peace Center and the City of Greenville Parks and Recreation Department are presenting the concert to welcome Andrew Lloyd Webber's Broadway hit *Phantom of the Opera* to Greenville. From May 13 to 23, Greenville will host a 10-Day Countdown to the Phantom's appearance in downtown on Friday, May 23rd. The Pandolfi concert is the kick-off event.

Pandolfi spent his teenage years in Greenville, returning to the city to settle after living in Los Angeles. He made a living in California playing for dance, acting and opera coaches, and as the house musician at The Comedy Store in Los Angeles. There he accompanied stand-up comedians such as Robin Williams, Jay Leno, David Letterman and Jerry Steinfeld. He also performed at the opening ceremonies of the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. Today, Pandolfi draws on his broad experience – combining brilliant musical performance with a sense of humor and friendly personality.